(c) The major countries which have reduced import of silk goods from India are USA, Germany, U.K., France, Netherlands, UAE, Canada, Singapore, Australia.

(d) In order to increase the exports of silk products, the Government is providing assistance to the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council for undertaking various export promotion activities such as participation in international fairs, organising generic promotion stalls in domestic fairs like Tex Styles India, publicity in foreign trade magazines, sponsoring of sales-cum-study tours and buyer-seller meets, dissemination of overseas trade information among exporters, etc. Besides, the Government has taken several measures to boost silk exports such as the facility of duty free import of raw material under the Advance Licensing Scheme, import of capital goods at concessional rate of duty for export production, etc.

IDBI Loan to U.P. and Gujarat

5750. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received by Industrial Development Bank of India particularly from the entrepreneur of Uttar pradesh and Gujarat during each of the last three years and the number of applications approved and rejected out of them separately, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided to industries by the IDBI to each of the above States during the said period, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The numbers of applications received, sanctioned and rejected uinder direct finance schemes of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat during the last three years is given below :

Year	Uttar Pradesh			Gujarat		
	Applications			Applications		
	Received	Sanctioned	Rejected	Received	Sanctioned	Rejected
1993-94	100	93	1	197	255	7
1994-95	154	120	2	261	211	3
1995-96	135	97	1	163	138	3

(b) Details of financial assistance disbursed to the industries by IDBI under direct finance schemes in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :

(Rs crore)

Year	Uttar Pradesh	Gujarat
1993-94	395.7	737.7
1994-95	646.7	1575.3
1995-96	742.2	1634.9

Export to Latin American Countries

5751. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to give double weightage to exports made to the thrust market of Latin American countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Vide Public Notice No. 363 (PN)/92-97 dated 1.8.96, the benefit of double weightage on NFE or FOB basis earned by exports made on or after 1st April, 1996 to 43 countries including all Latin American countries has been made available for the purpose of claiming eligibility for recognition as Export House, Trading House, Star Trading House and Super Star Trading House. A copy of the said Public Notice is available in the Parliament Library.

Financial Assistance to Tamil Nadu by NABARD

5752. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by NABARD to Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years and in 1996 so far, Scheme-wise;

(b) the number of farmers benefited therefrom during this period particularly in the backward areas of the State;

(c) the amount of loans recovered therefrom so far; and

(d) the criteria for sanctioning financial assistance by NABARD ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is primarily an apex refinancing institution which provides refinance assistance to banks. The details of the amount of refinance provided by NABARD to institutions in Tamil Nadu during the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto 31-8-1996), scheme-wise, is given the Statement attached.

(b) NABARD does not provide loans to farmers directly. However, the refinance provided by NABARD augments the resources available with banks for providing loan assistance to farmers.

(c) The data reporting system does not generate the information in the manner asked for. However, the overall percentage of recovery to demand of various institutions in Tamil Nadu is as under :

Year ending	District Central Cooperative Banks	Primary Land Development Banks	Regional Rural Banks
June, 1993	76	60	73
June, 1994	78	71*	62
June, 1995	85	82*	68

*Provisional.